

AMENDMENT

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1. (Currently amended) A kit for diagnosing a condition of early vascular dysfunction and/or vascular disease and/or spontaneous abortion, said kit comprising:
~~means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to Platelet Activating Factor (PAF) and/or antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF in a sample of body fluid of a patient to be tested for early vascular dysfunction and/or vascular disease and/or spontaneous abortion;~~
~~said means for testing comprising a ligand selected from the group consisting of (a) phosphocholine, phosphorylcholine and lysophosphatidylcholine; and~~
~~means for determining from the assayed concentration of either or both of said antibodies whether or not the patient at risk for having cardiovascular disease and/or early atherosclerosis and/or spontaneous abortion (b) a reagent for detecting antibodies bound to phosphocholine.~~
2. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ kit for diagnosing early vascular dysfunction and/or vascular disease and/or spontaneous abortion, said kit of claim 1, further comprising
~~means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to Platelet Activating Factor (PAF) and/or antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF; and~~
~~means for testing for a reagent for assessing the concentration of at least one further diagnostic indicator for said disease or conditionmarker selected from the group consisting of cholesterol, blood lipids or p-hydroxyphenylaldehyde-lysine.~~

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The kit of claim 1, wherein said means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF comprises means for measuring either or both of said antibodies reagent measures said antibodies by immunoassay.
6. (Currently amended) The kit of claim [[1]]5, wherein said means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF comprises measuring either or both of said antibodies reagent measures said antibodies by an enzyme linked immunoassay.
7. (Currently amended) The kit of claim [[1]]5, wherein said means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF comprises means for providing measuring either or both of said antibodies reagent measures said antibodies by radioimmunoassay.
8. (Currently amended) The kit of claim [[1]]5, wherein said means for testing is adapted to act on said sample of body fluid which is serum prepared from a blood sample reagent is a anti-Ig antibody, a labeled anti-Ig antibody, non-immobilized phosphocholine and/or labeled non-immobilized phosphocholine.
9. (Currently amended) The kit of claim 1, wherein said means for testing is adapted to act on said sample of body fluid which is plasma prepared from a blood sample phosphocholine is immobilized.
10. (Currently amended) The kit of claim [[1]]9, wherein said sample of body fluid is a human blood sample or fraction thereof, and said means for testing the presence and/or the concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen that binds to antibodies to PAF comprises measuring either or both of said antibodies by immunoassay phosphocholine is immobilized on a plate, membrane or bead.

11-15. (Canceled)